



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 5256

House of Representatives, April 9, 2018

The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. ABERCROMBIE of the 83rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO COLLECT AND MAINTAIN DATA CONCERNING THE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF MEDICAID RECIPIENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Social
- 2 Services shall collect and maintain data regarding the transportation
- 3 needs of Medicaid recipients for nonemergency medical appointments.
- 4 Such data may include, but need not be limited to: (1) The number and
- 5 location of Medicaid recipients in need of such transportation, (2) the
- 6 number of such recipients with medical conditions or disabilities that
- 7 require regular, multiple visits to medical providers, the regular
- 8 schedule for such visits and the locations of such providers, and (3)
- 9 whether such recipients require special vehicles, medical equipment or
- 10 escorts in order to be safely transported to nonemergency medical
- 11 appointments.
- 12 (b) The department shall require any contractor with whom the

13 department contracts to provide nonemergency medical transportation
14 to Medicaid recipients to collect and share the data described in
15 subsection (a) of this section with the department.

16 (c) The Commissioner of Social Services shall provide the data
17 collected pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to (1) the Council on
18 Medical Assistance Program Oversight established pursuant to section
19 17b-28 of the general statutes upon the request of the chairperson of
20 the council, or (2) the joint standing committee of the General
21 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services
22 upon the request of the chairpersons of the committee.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |

HS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill does not result in a fiscal impact to the Department of Social Services as the data collection and reporting requirements under the bill are in accordance with current contract requirements of the nonemergency medical transportation provider.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5256*****AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO COLLECT AND MAINTAIN DATA CONCERNING THE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF MEDICAID RECIPIENTS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to collect and maintain data on Medicaid recipients' transportation needs for nonemergency medical appointments including:

1. the number and location of Medicaid recipients who need nonemergency medical transportation (NEMT);
2. the number of such recipients with medical conditions or disabilities that regularly require multiple visits to medical providers, the regular schedule for such visits, and the locations of such providers; and
3. whether such recipients require special vehicles, medical equipment, or escorts to be safely transported to nonemergency medical appointments.

The bill requires DSS to require any NEMT contractor to collect and share such information with the department. Under the bill, the DSS Commissioner must provide the collected data to (1) the Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight upon request of its chairperson or (2) the Human Services Committee upon the request of the chairpersons.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/22/2018)